

Ringgold County Board of Supervisors Minutes

August 10, 2026

The Ringgold County Board of Supervisors met in regular session Monday, August 10, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M with the following members present Colby Holmes, Randy Taylor and Steve Knapp.

A motion was made by Taylor, second by Knapp to approve the agenda.

AYES: Unanimous NAYS: None

Engineer Jared Johnson met with the Board to provide secondary roads updates. A tractor and mower were out working to mow vegetation along paved roadsides and Farm-to-Market gravels in the northeastern and north central portions of the county.

The shoulder disk was out working along J55.

Farm-to-Market rock was hauled to the north central, southwest, and northeast maintainer districts.

The department was out working to spray noxious weeds along roadsides.

Work order updates:

W.O. 1468: Replace deteriorated 36" CMP culvert with 42" ADS culvert. Armored outlet with revetment. Located along 310th Street between 135th Ave and US HWY 169. (Complete)

W.O. 1470: Replace deteriorated and washed out 84" CMP culvert with 10' tanker car culvert. Armor inlet and outlet with revetment. Located along 325th Ave between 170th and 190th Streets. (Complete)

W.O. 1481: Clear brush and trees along Right-of-way for approximately 0.5 miles. Located along 210th Street and 220th Ave, north and west from the 210th Street and 220th Ave intersection. (Complete).

W.O. 1486: Replace deteriorated 48" CMP culvert with 48" ADS culvert. Located along 135th Ave between 305th and 310th Streets. (Complete)

W.O. 1486: Repair erosion at culvert inlet and armor with revetment. Existing culvert is a railroad tank car. (Complete)

J55 Chip Seal, from P14 to US HWY 169: Elder Corporation was onsite last week to begin the stabilization portion of the project. The work included reclaiming the existing seal coat roadway to a depth of 6 inches, incorporating a stabilizing agent, compacting, and blade shaping. Initial plan was to utilize Perma-zyme as a stabilizing agent, however, after the first day it was apparent utilizing this method was not going to produce the end result needed for chip seal application. The

department made the decision to revert back to Portland cement stabilization. Work continued Friday using this method with much better results.

The department received notice that concurrence for the Jefferson 26 project was not received from the State Historic Preservation Society. They were not satisfied with how the culturally sensitive areas were going to be protected during construction. After discussion with the Location and Environment Bureau it was decided to lump all the area together in the northwest quadrant versus only showing the existing building footprints as sensitive areas. Also providing additional details such as safety fence location was discussed. Upon completion of these revisions the project will be resubmitted to the State Historic Preservation Society for concurrence.

The department is working to obtain the necessary easements for construction and maintenance of the structure for the Union 13 project. The department has prepared all easement documents required for the easements on the north side of the road. It is planned to meet with the landowner this week to complete the process. The department continued to work with the Farm Service Agency with respect to the CRP impacts on easements along the south side of the road. The department has been working with the regional planner on the funding revision in the STIP. Due to the total project cost increase exceeding 30% an administrative change is not appropriate. This will be presented for policy board approval at the next meeting in September. STIP revision for letting is due prior to October 6th.

Last week at the Middle Fork 10 project site the crew stripped and stacked the curb, wing and backwall forms, bolted on guardrail posts, removed beam clamps and pulled rods from falsework stringers and caps, began removing caps and wedge blocks at false piers. This week it is planned to remove the remaining wedge blocks and caps at false piers, break off the falsework piling, remove support brackets at the abutments, remove support brackets at the permanent piers, lower the false work, and begin to remove joist panels.

Once done with Middle Fork 10, the crew plans to move to Poe 17.

Miranda Wachter, District 4 Leader with the Iowa Primary Care Association, met with the Board to provide a program update. Also present was Becky Fletchall with Public Health and Amber Godwin with Iowa's Behavioral Health System Navigation. Iowa's Behavioral Health System Navigation is a free, confidential service that connects any resident with mental health, substance use, or problem gambling resources. Wachter explained District 4 consists of 14 counties in southwest Iowa. The Iowa Behavioral Health Service System (BHSS) provides comprehensive safety net services managed regionally by the Iowa Primary Care Association ensuring all Iowans—especially those with no insurance or limited coverage—have access to essential care.

Discussion was held regarding behavioral health services and resources available within Ringgold County and the surrounding rural area. Topics included safety net funding, transportation for involuntary commitments, the shortage of mental health providers, lengthy wait times for services, and the challenges rural communities

face in accessing care. The impact of increasing youth mental health needs on schools and law enforcement was also discussed, along with the use of telehealth services and the additional staffing required of schools to coordinate those services. Concerns were shared regarding the financial and staffing burden placed on rural counties, schools, and law enforcement.

Wachter discussed ongoing efforts to improve access to behavioral health services and gather consistent data across the state. Ringgold County-specific data was not yet available but will be provided when completed. Wachter also agreed to share available state data, continue communicating local concerns at the state level, and connect with Ringgold County's interagency group to better understand local needs and available resources.

The Board reviewed claims paid Wednesday, August 5 and moved forward with approval.

RESOLUTION RC26-115

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve the claims paid Wednesday, August 5, 2026.

THEREFORE, a motion was made by Taylor and seconded by Knapp stating such.

The vote on the resolution: AYES: Unanimous. NAYS: None.

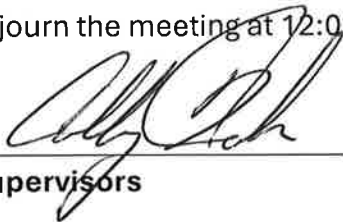
ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved August 10, 2026.

Knapp moved to approve the minutes. Taylor second. Motion carried.

There was no further business. A motion was made by Knapp and seconded by Taylor to adjourn the meeting at 12:02 p.m.

ATTEST:

Board of Supervisors



Ringgold County Auditor